

REMARKS

This Amendment adds new claims 16 and 17 which are supported by the specification at pages 3 and 13 respectively. Claims 16 and 17 are directed to additional embodiments of the invention and do not add new matter. Favorable consideration is requested.

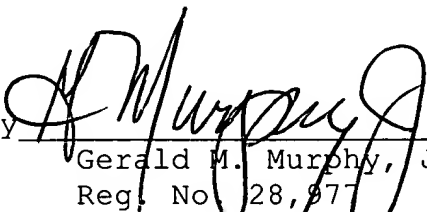
If the Examiner has any questions concerning this application, the Examiner is requested to contact Laura C. Lutz, Reg. No. 43,451, at 703/205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and further replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fee required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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